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THE MENACE OF THE MIRACLE MAN
CAN EVEN THE FANTASTIC FOUR DEFEAT A MAN WHO PERFORMS... MIRACLES ???
AH! FROM MY VANTAGE POINT UP HERE, I SEE THAT WE HAVE FOUR CELEBRITIES IN OUR AUDIENCE!! LET ME INTRODUCE THEM TO YOU...
Stan Lee + J. KIRBY
CHAPTER 1
LOOK! THE MIRACLE MAN IS ACTUALLY FLOATING IN THE AIR!!
HOW DOES HE DO IT?? THERE ARE NO WIRES... NOTHING!! HE REALLY DOES WORK MIRACLES!
HE--HE CAN DO ANYTHING!
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THE FIRST IS REED RICHARDS, BETTER KNOWN AS MISTER FANTASTIC!!
AND NEXT TO HIM, FULLY VISIBLE, IT SEEMS, IS THE SO-CALLED INVISIBLE GIRL!
ON HER LEFT WE FIND... THE THING! DON'T BE BASHFUL, THING! LET US LOOK AT YOU!
GET THAT SPOT-LIGHT OFF ME!!
AND THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR... KNOWN TO THE WORLD AS THE HUMAN TORCH!
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THERE YOU HAVE THE FANTASTIC FOUR!! THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THE MOST POWERFUL, MOST AMAZING QUARTET IN HISTORY!! BUT, I SAY TO YOU...
...BAH!!
NEXT TO MY POWER, THEY ARE NOTHING!
CAN THEY BECOME ALL-POWERFUL GIANTS AT WILL??
LOOK!!
IT-- IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
CAN THEY CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF THEIR BODIES TO ANYTHING THEY WISH? CAN THEY TURN THEMSELVES INTO WATER, METAL, OR EVEN ...GAS!!
WE MUST BE DREAMING!
IT'S MAD! INSANE!
WILL THE POWER OF THE ELEMENTS DO THEIR BIDDING? CAN THEY CONTROL THE STORM? THE THUNDER? THE LIGHTNING?
HA HA HA HA
THE FANTASTIC FOUR!! I SNEER AT THEIR PUNY POWERS! I MOCK THEIR CHILDISH FEATS!
THING! WAIT!!
LEGGO!! THAT'S THE LAST STRAW!!
LET ME AT 'IM! I'LL WIPE THAT GRIN OFF HIS OILY FACE!! LET ME AT 'IM!
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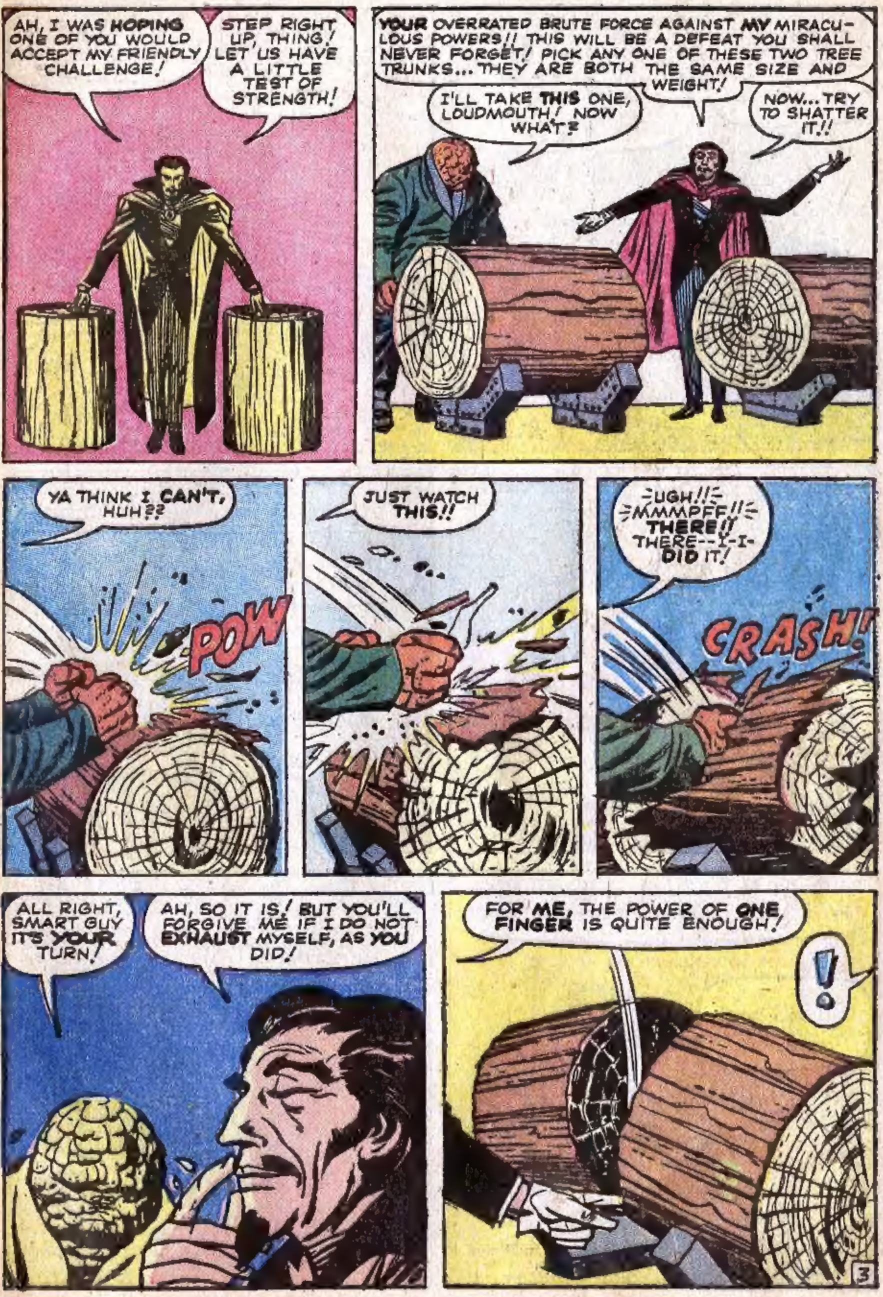
AH, I WAS HOPING ONE OF YOU WOULD ACCEPT MY FRIENDLY CHALLENGE!
STEP RIGHT UP, THING! LET US HAVE A LITTLE TEST OF STRENGTH!
YOUR OVERRATED BRUTE FORCE AGAINST MY MIRACULOUS POWERS!! THIS WILL BE A DEFEAT YOU SHALL NEVER FORGET! PICK ANY ONE OF THESE TWO TREE TRUNKS... THEY ARE BOTH THE SAME SIZE AND WEIGHT!
I'LL TAKE THIS ONE, LOUDMOUTH! NOW WHAT?
NOW... TRY TO SHATTER IT!!
YA THINK I CAN'T, HUH??
POW
JUST WATCH THIS!!
UGH!! MMMPFF!! THERE!! THERE--I-I-DID IT!
CRASH!
ALL RIGHT, SMART GUY ITS YOUR TURN!
AH, SO IT IS! BUT YOU'LL FORGIVE ME IF I DO NOT EXHAUST MYSELF, AS YOU DID!
FOR ME, THE POWER OF ONE FINGER IS QUITE ENOUGH!
!

IT'S A TRICK! IT'S GOTTA BE A TRICK!! NOBODY IS THAT POWERFUL!!
YOU LUMBERING FOOL!! WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF MY MIRACULOUS POWER??! YOU, WITH ALL YOUR ANIMAL STRENGTH, COULD NOT HURT ME WITH YOUR HARDEST BLOW!
OH NO?? TRY THIS ON FOR SIZE!!
CERTAINLY, IF IT WILL SERVE TO CONVINCE YOU!
IT AIN'T POSSIBLE! I COULDA SMASHED THRU A STONE WALL WITH THAT PUNCH! LET ME AT 'IM AGAIN...
AND SO I CONCLUDE MY PERFORM-ANCE!
REED!! STOP HIM! HE'S GOING BERSERK!
HOLD IT, THING! THAT'S ENOUGH!
MINUTES LATER, IN THEIR AIR-POWERED FANTASTICAR, FOUR MYSTIFIED FIGURES APPROACH THEIR SECRET HEADQUARTERS...
YOU'VE BEEN SO SILENT, REED! WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
I'M THINKING THAT IT IS FORTUNATE FOR US, AND FOR THE WORLD, THAT THE MIRACLE MAN IS NOT A CRIMINAL! FOR, IF HE WERE...
...HE MIGHT BE THE ONE FOE WE COULD NOT DEFEAT!!
BUT LITTLE DOES MR. FANTASTIC REALIZE HOW PROPHETIC HIS WORDS ARE! FOR, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, BACKSTAGE...
THE TIME HAS COME FOR ME TO THROW OFF MY MASK OF RESPECTABILITY!!
NOW THAT I HAVE DEMONSTRATED MY POW-ERS TO THE WORLD, IT IS TIME FOR THE MIRACLE MAN TO... STRIKE!
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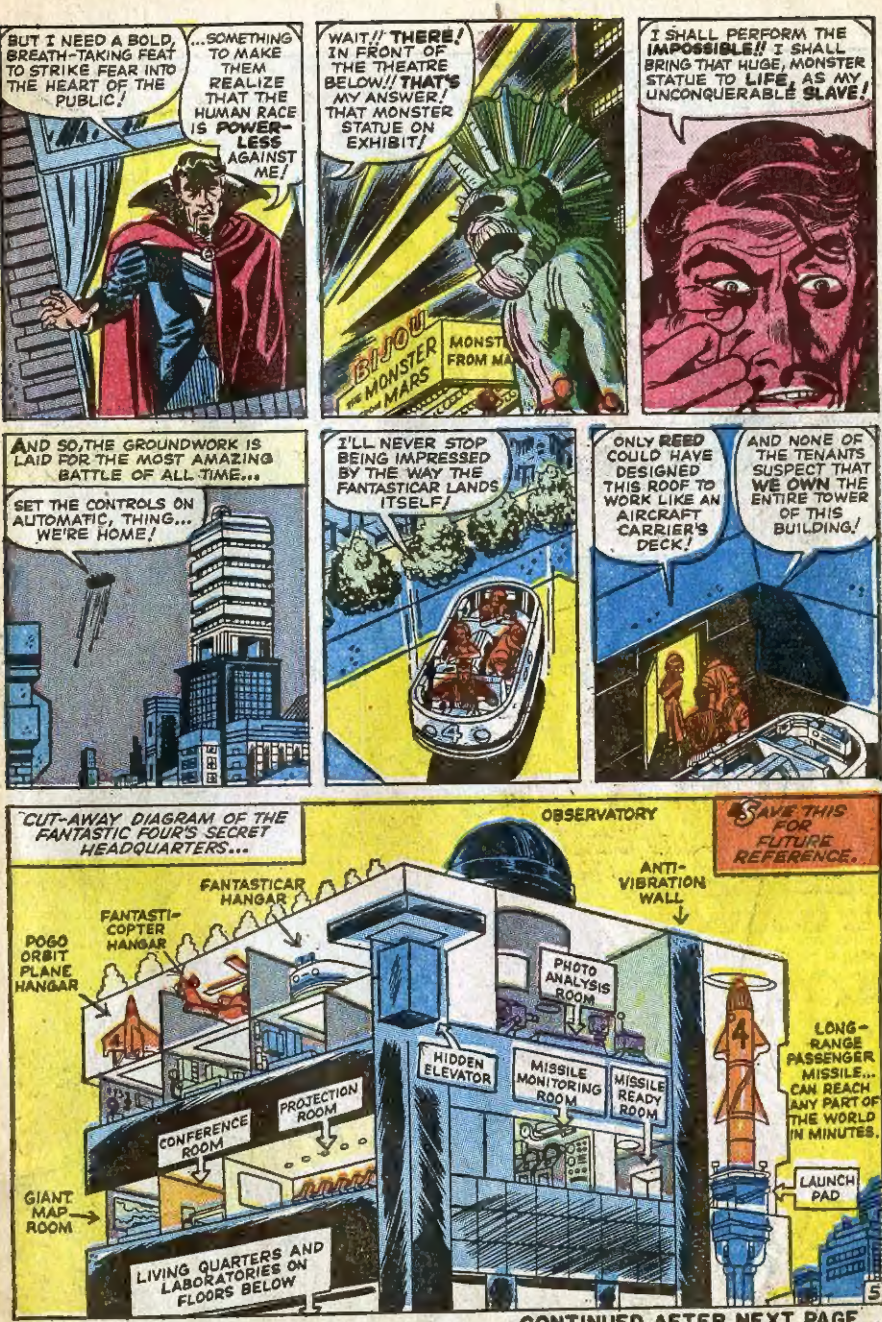

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CHAPTER II
"THE MONSTER LIVES!"
Stan Lee & J. Kirby
BIJOU
THE MONSTER FROM MARS!
NOW SHOWING
GUESS I'LL SEE WHAT'S DOIN' ON TV TONIGHT, REED!
HEY!! THIS IS KEEN! THEY'RE TELEVISING THE WORLD PREMIERE OF "THE MONSTER FROM MARS!"
THAT HUGE EXHIBIT OF THE MONSTER ON DISPLAY OUTSIDE THE THEATRE MUST HAVE COST A SMALL FORTUNE!
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NEVER MIND THOSE MONSTERS, BOYS. LOOK WHAT I'VE GOT!
SUSAN! YOU DESIGNED A COSTUME FOR YOURSELF!
AND FOR YOU, TOO! IT'S TIME WE ALL HAD SOME COLORFUL COSTUMES!
BAH! COSTUMES...TIGHTS... THAT'S KID STUFF! WHO NEEDS 'EM?
WE DO, IF WE'RE IN THIS BUSINESS OF CRIME FIGHTING FOR REAL! IF WE'RE A TEAM, WE SHOULD LOOK LIKE A TEAM!
SAY! THIS ISN'T HALF BAD SUE! EVER THINK OF WORKING FOR DIOR?
I'VE GOT ENOUGH TO DO ACTING AS NURSEMAID TO YOU THREE! HERE, THING, THIS EVEN MAKES YOU LOOK GLAMOROUS!
I AIN'T GONNA WEAR THIS FOOL OUTFIT!
REED! THING! LOOK! IT'S THE MIRACLE MAN! WHAT'S HE DOIN' AT THE PREMIERE?
HE--HE'S MAK'N' SOME KIND OF STRANGE GESTURE!
LOOK!!
THE MONSTER!! IT--IT'S COME TO LIFE!!
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GET THE CROWDS BACK! WE'LL TRY TO STOP IT!
KEEP FIRING!! I'LL RADIO FOR HELP!!
JUMP, JOE! HE'S SQUEEZIN' THE CAR LIKE IT'S A PAPER BOX!
GET THAT BAZOOKA UP HERE!! ON THE DOUBLE!
OKAY!! LET 'IM HAVE IT!!
NO... WAIT!! LOOK!!
HE--HE VANISHED!! RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR EYES!
POP!
IT WAS THE MIRACLE MAN! HE DID IT! HE CAUSED THE V'HOLE THING! I DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT HE DID IT!
CLICK!
THIS IS WHAT I DREADED!! THE ONE MAN WHOSE POWERS SEEM TO BE GREATER THAN OURS... HE MUST BE STOPPED!!
POWER--SHMOWER!! JUST YOU LET ME GET MY HANDS ON HIM AGAIN...!!
WE--WE'VE GOT TO WARN THE COMMISSIONER!
BUT, AS SUE IS ABOUT TO LEARN, THE COMMISSIONER HAS ALREADY BEEN WARNED...
PHONE CALL FOR YOU, SIR, FROM THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
GOOD! I WANT TO READ THEM THIS NOTE I RECEIVED!
REED, I'M AUTHORIZING YOU FOUR TO DO WHATEVER YOU CAN! THIS MENACE MUST BE STOPPED!
I, THE MIRACLE MAN, DECLARE WAR ON THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE! I INTEND TO CONQUER THE EARTH!
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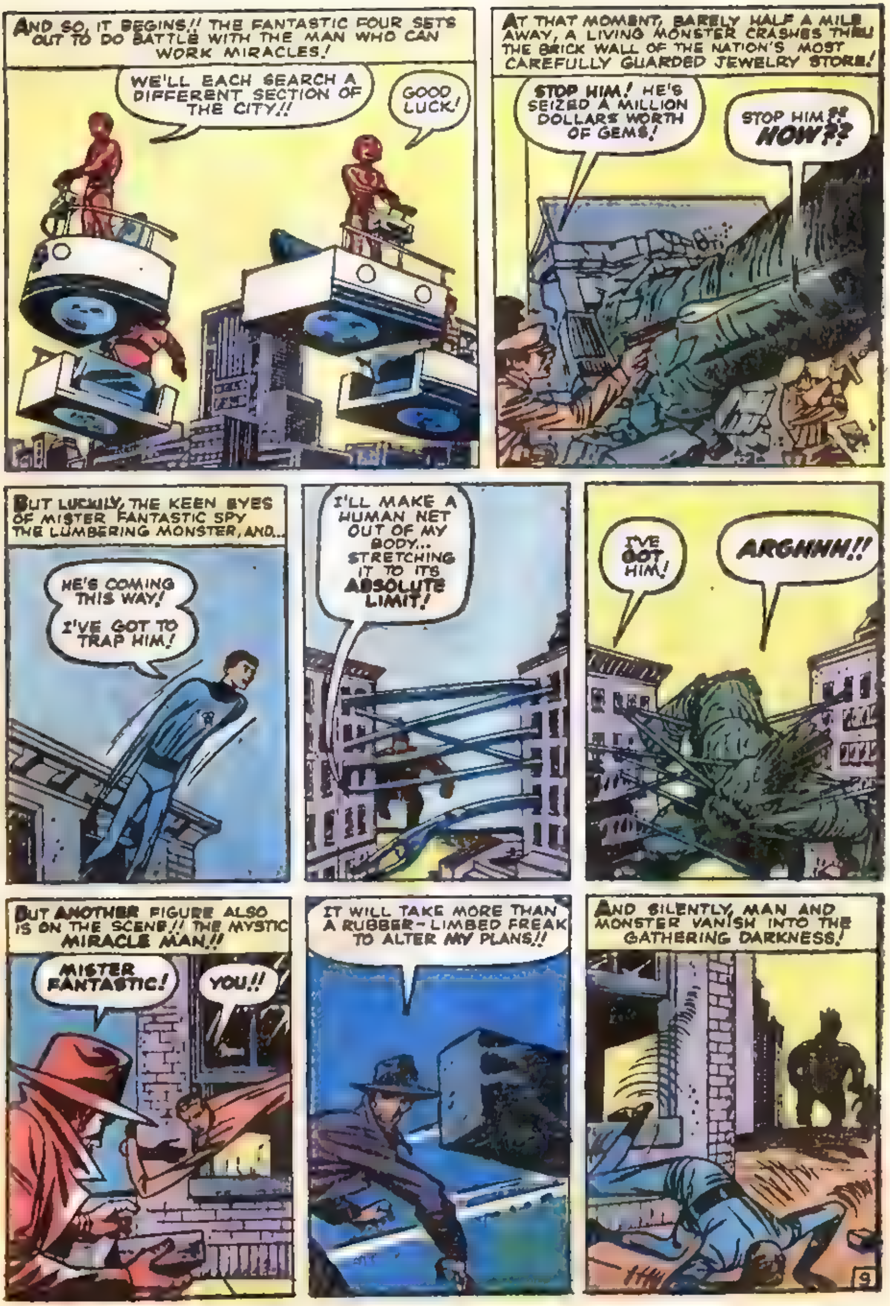

AND SO, IT BEGINS!! THE FANTASTIC FOUR SETS OUT TO DO BATTLE WITH THE MAN WHO CAN WORK MIRACLES!
WE'LL EACH SEARCH A DIFFERENT SECTION OF THE CITY!!
GOOD LUCK!
AT THAT MOMENT, BARELY HALF A MILE AWAY, A LIVING MONSTER CRASHES THRU THE BRICK WALL OF THE NATION'S MOST CAREFULLY GUARDED JEWELRY STORE!
STOP HIM! HE'S SEIZED A MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF GEMS!
STOP HIM?? HOW??
BUT LUCKILY, THE KEEN EYES OF MISTER FANTASTIC SPY THE LUMBERING MONSTER, AND...
HE'S COMING THIS WAY!
I'VE GOT TO TRAP HIM!
I'LL MAKE A HUMAN NET OUT OF MY BODY... STRETCHING IT TO ITS ABSOLUTE LIMIT!
I'VE GOT HIM!
ARGHHH!!
BUT ANOTHER FIGURE ALSO IS ON THE SCENE!! THE MYSTIC MIRACLE MAN!!
MISTER FANTASTIC!
YOU!!
IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN A RUBBER-LIMBED FREAK TO ALTER MY PLANS!!
AND SILENTLY, MAN AND MONSTER VANISH INTO THE GATHERING DARKNESS!
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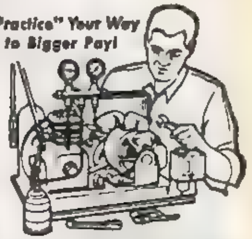

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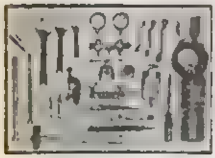

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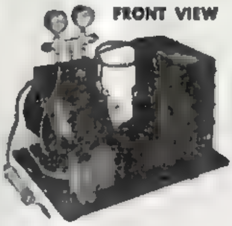

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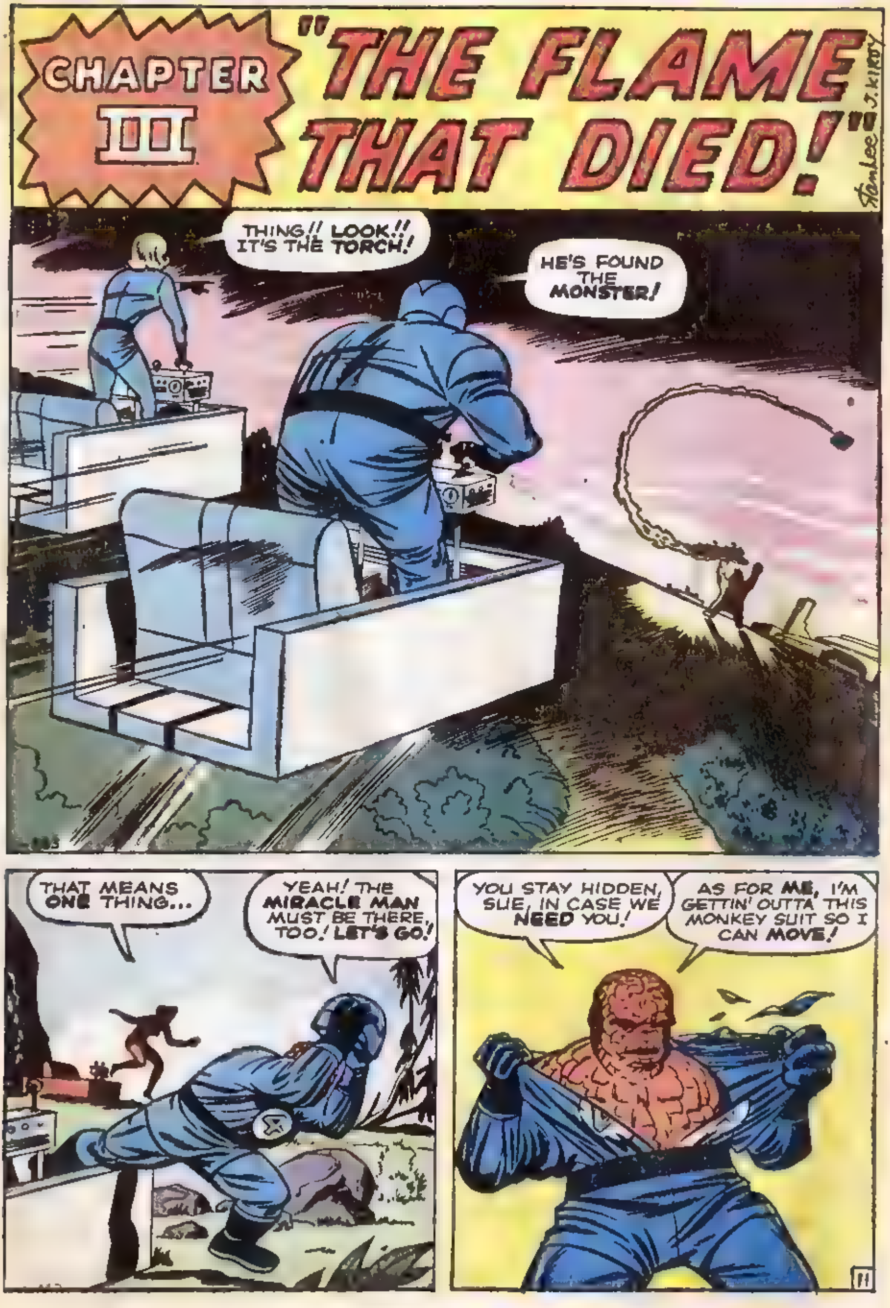
CHAPTER III
"THE FLAME THAT DIED!"
Stan Lee J. Kirby
THING!! LOOK!! IT'S THE TORCH!
HE'S FOUND THE MONSTER!
THAT MEANS ONE THING...
YEAH! THE MIRACLE MAN MUST BE THERE, TOO! LET'S GO!
YOU STAY HIDDEN, SUE, IN CASE WE NEED YOU!
AS FOR ME, I'M GETTIN' OUTTA THIS MONKEY SUIT SO I CAN MOVE!
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BUT, BEFORE THE ENRAGED THING CAN REACH THE SCENE...
ATTA BOY! YOU GOT ME!
BUT I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU...
YOU'RE ABOUT TO LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT THE HUMAN TORCH...
...I'M JUST TOO HOT TO HANDLE!
HE WAS NOTHING BUT WOOD AND PLASTER!! HOW DID THE MIRACLE MAN MAKE HIM MOVE?? HOW??!
WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH THAT FLAMING MENACE FLYING AROUND! BRING HIM DOWN, MEN!
HOLD YOUR FIRE, YOU FOOLS!! IT'S THE HUMAN TORCH! HE JUST SAVED OUR ATOMIC TANK!
BUT THERE IS ONE WHO DOES NOT HOLD HIS FIRE...!!
THIS WILL STOP THAT BLAZING NUISANCE!
UGH!! CH--CHEMICAL FOAM!
MY FLAME'S GOING OUT!! IF ONLY...THE OTHERS...WILL BE... IN TIME...
TORCH!!
THE MIRACLE MAN DID IT, THING!! GET HIM... GET HIM!!
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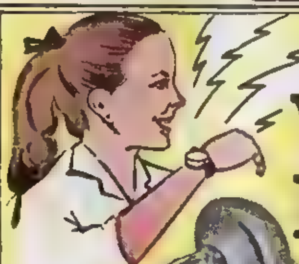

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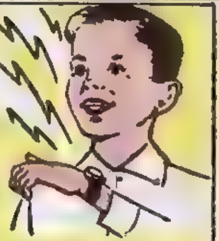

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"IN THE SHADOW OF DEFEAT!"
AN HOUR LATER...
WHY DID YOU LET SUE TACKLE THE MIRACLE MAN BY HER-SELF?
BECAUSE THAT'S THE WAY SHE WANTED IT, SQUIRT! NOW SHUDDUP AND LET US THINK!
SIMMER DOWN, THING! AND YOU TOO, TORCH! WHEN SUE SIGNALS US TO COME RUNNING, WE'VE GOT TO BE READY!
READY? I'M ALWAYS READY!! THE NEXT TIME I GET WITHIN GRABBING DISTANCE OF THAT GUY, I'LL MAKE MINCEMEAT OF HIM!
HE THINKS HIS POWERS ARE GREATER THAN OURS, HUH? WELL, THEY AIN'T! HE'S JUST TRICKIER, THAT'S ALL!! NOTHING'S MORE POWERFUL THAN THOSE COSMIC RAYS THAT TURNED US INTO WHAT WE ARE!
"I'LL NEVER BURN THE MEMORY OF THAT ACCURSED DAY FROM MY MIND..."
"THE FLIGHT INTO SPACE--THE BOMBARDMENT OF THE COSMIC RAYS, AND THEN... THE CRASH!"

"I'LL NEVER FORGET SEEING SUSAN GROW INVISIBLE RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES!"
"OR THE LOOK ON ALL YOUR FACES AS I TALKED TO YOU, WHILE I WAS STILL BEN GRIMM..."
"...BEFORE I BEGAN TO.. CHANGE .."
"...INTO THE THING!"
"AND HOW ABOUT YOU, REED? HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN, DURING OUR BATTLE, YOU REALIZED YOU HAD CHANGED, TOO?"
"...YOUR LIMBS HAD TURNED TO ELASTIC! YOU COULD MOLD THEM INTO ANY SHAPE!"
"BUT THE MOST UNCANNY THING OF ALL WAS SEEING JOHNNY'S BODY TURN TO LIVING FLAME!"
"BEING LIGHTER THAN AIR, AS HE BLAZED LIKE A HUMAN TORCH, HE WAS ACTUALLY ABLE TO FLY! GRAVITY MEANT NOTHING TO HIM!"
"THAT'S WHEN WE DECIDED THAT OUR DESTINIES WERE ALL ENTWINED, AND SO WE DECIDED TO REMAIN TOGETHER, AS THE FANTASTIC FOUR!"
FATE HAS BEEN GOOD TO US, BEN! WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO USE OUR POWERS TO HELP MANKIND... TO FIGHT EVIL AND INJUSTICE!
SURE! IT'S BEEN GREAT FOR YOU! BUT WHAT ABOUT ME! I'M JUST A WALKIN' FRIGHT! AN UGLY, GRUESOME THING!
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BUT YOU ONCE CHANGED TO YOUR NORMAL SELF FOR A FEW MINUTES! IT MIGHT HAPPEN AGAIN... FOR A LONGER TIME!
BAH! I DON'T WANT TO BE NORMAL FOR A FEW MINUTES! I WANT TO BE BEN GRIMM AGAIN! I WANT SUE TO LOOK AT ME THE WAY SHE LOOKS AT YOU!
MY SISTER?? DON'T KID YOURSELF, THING! SHE WOULDN'T GO FOR YOU IF YOU LOOKED LIKE ROCK HUDSON!!
WHY, YOU CRUMMY BRAT!! I'LL TEACH YOU TO LAUGH AT ME!
HEY, YOU BIG APE! I WAS ONLY KIDDIN'! LOOK OUT!
DON'T!!
ALL RIGHT! IF IT'S A FIGHT YOU WANT...
FLAME OFF, BLAST YA! FIGHT LIKE A MAN!
SURE, IF YOU USE YOUR INHUMAN STRENGTH, THAT'S OKAY! BUT IF I USE MY FLAME, YOU DON'T LIKE IT! I'M LEAVIN'! I'M SICK OF LOOKIN' AT YOUR UGLY FACE! YOU GIVE ME A SWIFT PAIN!
GO ON... GET OUT... WHILE YOU STILL CAN!
WHY CAN'T YOU CONTROL YOURSELF, THING? WHY MUST WE ALWAYS FIGHT AMONG OURSELVES? WHAT'S WRONG WITH US?
ALL I GOTTA DO IS LOOK IN THE MIRROR TO ANSWER THAT ONE, BROTHER!! AW, THE HECK WITH IT! WHERE'S SUE? WHEN IS SHE GONNA SIGNAL US??
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EVEN AS THE THING WONDERS ABOUT THE INVISIBLE GIRL'S WHEREABOUTS, WE PICK UP HER TRAIL AS THE ATOMIC TANK ENTERS AN AUTO JUNKYARD AT THE EDGE OF TOWN!
WITHIN MINUTES I'LL HAVE THIS TANK SO WELL-HIDDEN THAT IT WILL NEVER BE FOUND!
THE MIRACLE MAN IS COVERING THE TANK OVER WITH THE SHELLS OF OLD WRECKED AUTOS!
NOW IF I CAN JUST ALERT THE OTHERS BEFORE HE SUSPECTS I'M HERE!
BUT SUDDENLY, DISASTER STRIKES FROM AN UNEXPECTED SOURCE...
A DOG! HE HAS CAUGHT MY SCENT!
RRRWOOFF!
WHAT IS IT, BOY? WHY ARE YOU GROWLING? NOBODY IS THERE!
GRRR!
WAIT!! A DOG NEVER GROWLS FOR NO REASON! SOMEONE MUST BE THERE! AND IF I CAN'T SEE ANYONE, IT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING...
TOO BAD, INVISIBLE GIRL!! IT WON'T WORK! I KNOW YOU'RE THERE!
BECOME VISIBLE! THE MIRACLE MAN COMMANDS YOU!!
AHHH! THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!
AND NOW, YOU MUST OBEY ME!! I AM YOUR MASTER!!
SIGNAL THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR!! I SHALL DEFEAT THEM FOREVER, HERE AND NOW!!

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DEAR EDITOR:

I think the Fantastic Four will become a great success. The Thing and the Torch are very new and different. I would also like to know what the name of your artist is.

Alan Weiss
Pardee Place
Las Vegas, Nevada

It'll become a success?? What do you think it is NOW? Chicken liver?? Considering that our artist signs the name JACK KIRBY on everything he can get his greedy little fingers on, I think we can safely claim that that's his name!

4.

DEAR EDITOR:

The best thing about the comic is the character conflicts. It's nice to see a group of super-heroes who aren't unnaturally buddy-buddy. The cover of #1 was pretty poor, it didn't stand out. I wish the name of Mr Fantastic were different. It sounds too much like Mr. Clean.

Rick Wood
Ames St.
Cambridge, Mass.

Rick, no two fans ever seem to agree on what cover is best. Same thing applies to characters' names. So, let's hear from you other readers. What type of covers do YOU prefer, and how do you feel about the name Mr. Fantastic? (We'll bet at least ONE joker writes that he'd prefer Mr. Clean!)

4.

DEAR EDITOR:

You've got a heckuva nerve making a doll like Susan Storm invisible!

Unsigned
Dallas
Texas

Listen, Unsigned, with wolves like YOU around, she's a lot better off that way!

4.

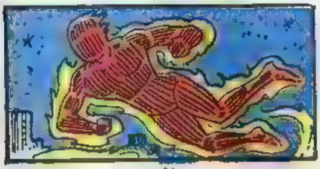
DEAR EDITOR:

Before I started to write this letter, I read The Fantastic Four over 50 times! So then I decided to tell you what I thought of it. It is GREAT, WONDERFUL, FANTASTIC, BREATH-TAKING and STUPENDOUS, to say the least!

My biggest request is for more of the Human Torch in action.

George Paul
Park Ave.
Hoboken, N.J.

No WONDER you thought the mag was great, George, after reading it fifty times, brother, you've been BRAIN-WASHED! As for seeing more of the Torch, you've got a treat coming in the next issue!



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DEAR EDITOR:

Just finshed reading Fantastic Four and must admit to being disappointed. I expect better things from the team of Lee-Kirby. Jack is capable of better art work, and the Thing ought to revert to human form at will as his teammates do. The story also suffers from "Creeping Monsterism" to paraphrase Jean Shepard, that has dominated most, if not all, of your comics for some time.

Bill Sarill
Colorado Street
Boston, Mass.

See how fair we are? We print the knocks as well as the boosts! (The next time anyone around this office opens another one of Bill's letters, he's thru!!) As for the Thing reverting to human form, it's not that easy, pal. If you don't believe us, take a dose of cosmic rays yourself and see what happens!

4.

DEAR EDITOR:

Are you the same one who also puts out STRANGE TALES, TALES TO ASTONISH, JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY, TALES OF SUSPENSE, AMAZING ADULT FANTASY, and a lot of Westerns like KID COLT, OUTLAW, and teen-age titles like PATSY WAKER? If so, how do you do it?

S. Brodsky
Brooklyn
New York

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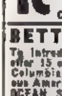

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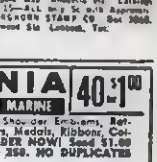

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YOUR MONSTER IS DESTROYED, MIRACLE MAN, AND NOW WE'VE FOUND YOU! THIS TIME YOU WON'T GET AWAY!
GET AWAY? YOU FOOLS! YOU WHO ARE TRAPPED! I'M ABOUT TO DESTROY YOU ALL!
IF YOU THINK YOU'RE SCARIN' US WITH THAT OVERGROWN
THING
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C'MON, REED, WHAT ARE WE WAITIN' FOR? LET'S PULVERIZE
HOLD IT, THING! THERE'S MORE TO THAT KEY THAN MEETS THE EYE!
YOU ARE VERY PERCEPTIVE, MISTER FANTASTIC!! TOO BAD YOU ARE ABOUT TO DIE!
...BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES, I CAN MAKE IT CHANGE INTO...
A MACHINE GUN!!!

AND NOW, FAREWELL! ...TO YOU ALL!
NOT SO FAST, MISTER...
I'LL SHOW YOU A LITTLE QUICK-CHANGE TRICK, TOO!
EVER TRY TO HIT A BOUNCING RUBBER BALL??
REED CAN'T DODGE THOSE DUM-DUMS FOREVER! I GOTTA DO SOMETHING!!
LIKE A LUMBERING DREADNAUGHT, THE MIGHTY THING RACES BETWEEN MR. FANTASTIC AND THE DEADLY SHELLS, LETTING HIS OWN INCREDIBLY STRONG BODY ABSORB THE FULL IMPACT OF THE BULLETS UNTIL...
UGH!! OOOFF--
AT LAST! HE'S OUTTA AMMO!
THING! YOU SAVED ME!
BIG DEAL!! YOU BETTER MOVE, BROTHER, BEFORE LAUGHING BOY GETS AWAY WITH SUE AGAIN!
BUT BEFORE THE EXHAUSTED MR. FANTASTIC, OR THE BATTERED THING CAN ACT, THE MIRACLE MAN REACHES THE ATOMIC TANK, AND...
HE'S ESCAPING!

REED! THING! WAIT!! I SAW THE MIRACLE MAN CUT THE DRIVE CABLE OF YOUR COPTER! IT'S DEATH TO USE IT!
THE TORCH!
ABOUT TIME YOU GOT HERE, JUNIOR!
QUICK! WE CAN STILL FOLLOW HIM IN ONE OF THESE ANTIQUE RACING CARS WHICH ARE STORED HERE BETWEEN EXHIBITIONS!!
HECK! I CAN FLY FASTER THAN THAT HEAP!
WELL, WHY DON'T YOU, LOUD-MOUTH?
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BECAUSE THIS IS MORE FUN! WHEEEE!
CAN'T YOU EVER BE SERIOUS, BRAT? DIDJA FORGET THAT YOUR OWN SISTER IS THE MIRACLE MAN'S PRISONER?
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LOOK OUT!!
HE HIT A TIRE!
WE'RE GONNA CRASH!
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!!
HANG ON!!
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HURRY UP AND CATCH HIM, WILL YOU?!! I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS!
GRAB THE WHEEL, THING! I'LL FINISH THIS MY WAY!
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TORCH, WAIT! WATCH OUT FOR SUE, YOU FOOL!!

BUT THE HUMAN TORCH CAUSES NO HARM TO THE ATOMIC TANK! INSTEAD, HE INCREASES HIS FLAME UNTIL IT BECOMES A BLAZING FLASH IN FRONT OF THE TANK... A FLASH WHICH TEMPORARILY BLINDS THE MIRACLE MAN!
I-I CAN'T SEE!!
AND, MINUTES LATER...
MY EYES-- MY EYES--
YOU'LL BE OKAY, BUSTER!! BUT IF YOU'VE HARMED MY SISTER...
HE DID IT!! THE TORCH DID IT!!
AND NOW IT'S MY TURN!!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS FOR A LONG TIME...
HOLD IT, THING!!
YOU CAN'T DO IT!! YOU'LL KILL HIM!
HIS POWER IS GONE! HE'LL NEVER HURT ANYONE AGAIN! THE LAW CAN HANDLE HIM NOW!
HUH?? BUT HOW-- HOW DO YOU KNOW?
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER! FIRST, I WANT YOU TO BRING SUE OUT OF HER TRANCE!
DO AS I SAY, OR I'LL TURN YOU OVER TO THE THING!
I-I'LL DO IT!
YOU ARE YOURSELF AGAIN, SUSAN STORM!
SNAP
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HE IS NO MIRACLE MAN! HE HAS NO MAGIC POWERS! HE IS MERELY A CLEVER HYPNOTIST, A MASTER OF MASS ILLUSION! THE MONSTER NEVER REALLY MOVED--HE HYPNOTIZED US INTO THINKING IT DID!
HE DIDN'T REALLY SPLIT THAT LOG ON STAGE WITH ONE FINGER... HE MADE EVERYONE THINK HE DID! AND THE SAME FOR ALL HIS SUPPOSEDLY MIRACULOUS FEATS!
HOW--HOW DID YOU GUESS?
BECAUSE A TRUE MIRACLE MAN WOULD NOT HAVE NEEDED TO STEAL JEWELS... HE COULD HAVE CONJURED UP ALL THE WEALTH IN THE WORLD! A MIRACLE MAN WOULD NOT HAVE NEEDED TO FLEE FROM US... YOU COULD HAVE SIMPLY VANISHED... OR CAUSED US TO DISAPPEAR, FOREVER!
BUT NOW, YOUR HYPNOTIC POWER IS GONE, DUE TO TORCH'S ALMOST BLINDING FLASH!
WAIT A MINUTE, REED!! ARE YOU TRYIN' TO GIVE THAT FLAMING JUVENILE DELINQUENT THE CREDIT FOR THIS CAPER??
OH, PLEASE! DON'T START ARGUING AMONG YOURSELVES AGAIN!! I--I JUST CAN'T STAND ANY MORE!
RELAX, SIS! THEY'RE NOT GONNA ARGUE ABOUT ME ANY MORE! I HAD ALL THE BOSSIN' AROUND I CAN TAKE! I'M CUTTIN' OUT OF THIS COMBO, RIGHT NOW!
BUT YOU CAN'T QUIT US, JOHNNY!
AW, LET HIM GO! HE'S MORE TROUBLE THAN HE'S WORTH!
TORCH!! COME BACK! PLEASE!!
IT'S TOO LATE, SUE!
OH, REED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF HIM?
IT'S NOT HIM I'M WORRIED ABOUT...
...IT'S MANKIND!
FOR WHAT WILL WE DO--
WHAT CAN WE DO, IF...
IF HE SHOULD TURN AGAINST US?!!
NEXT ISSUE, THE SUSPENSE MOUNTS UNBEARABLY AS THE TORCH STRIKES BACK! AND DON'T BE SURPRISED TO SEE ANOTHER GREAT CHARACTER WHOM YOU DEMANDED WE BRING BACK! ALL IN THE NEXT WONDERFUL ISSUE!
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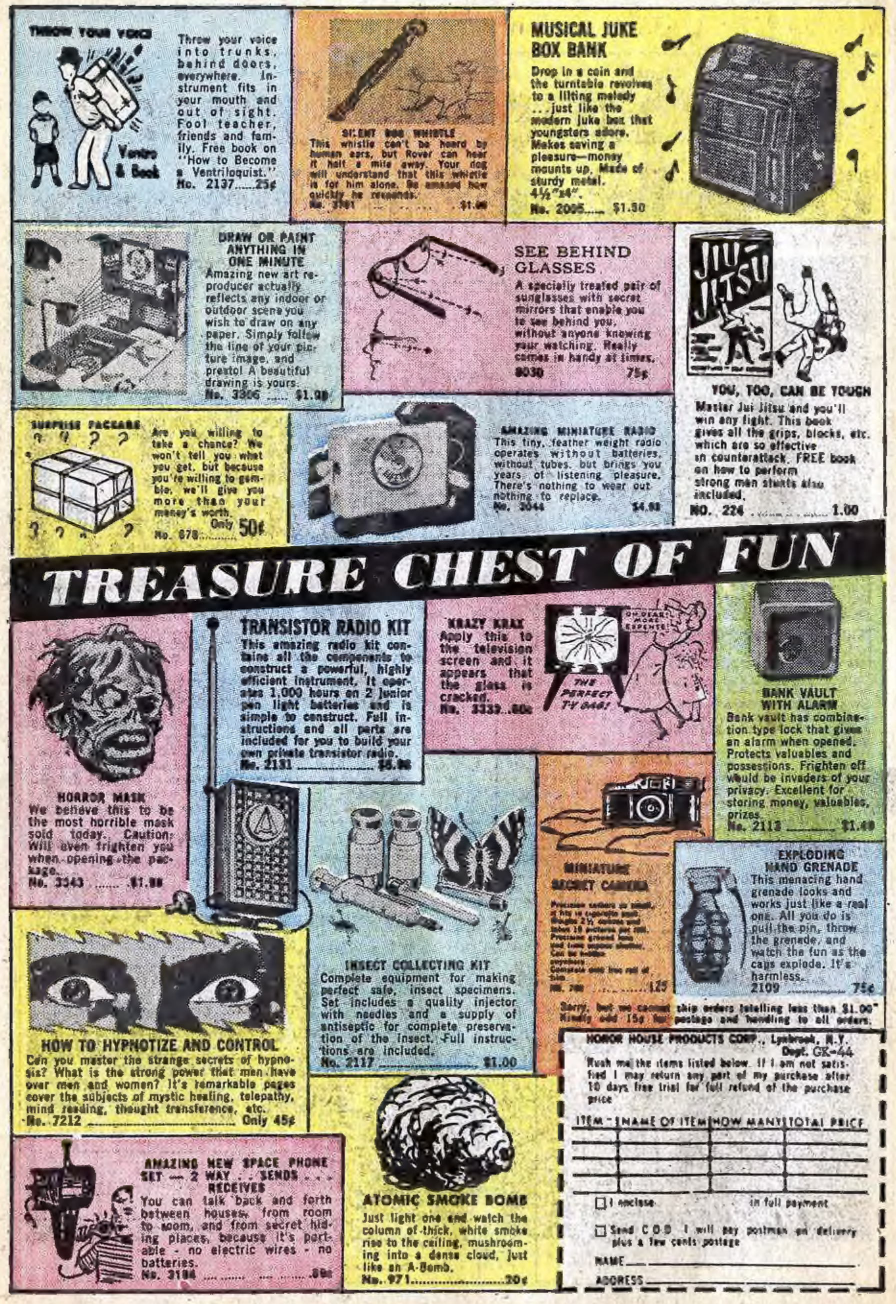
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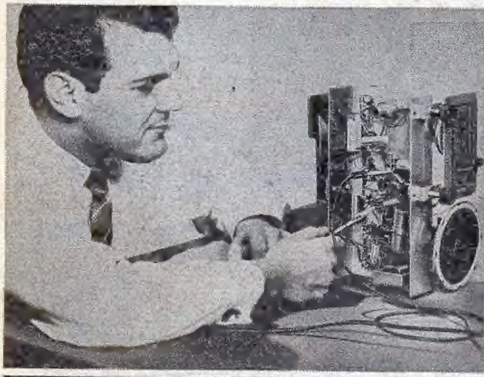

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